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ANN ARBOR OFFICIALS

Request Improvement Association to Endorse Proposed Change in Passenger Rates—Convincing Statements Made.

An unusually large number of citizens were present Tuesday at the Improvement Association luncheon to meet the officials of the Ann Arbor Railroad, whom it had been announced would be present to present the question of increasing the railroad passenger rates in Michigan from two to two and a half cents per mile and to ask the Association to endorse the proposition. The officers and officials present were: Chairman Erb of New York, president; A. W. Towley, vice president and general manager; H. S. Bradley, traffic manager; G. A. Weller, freight agent; A. Syverson and J. E. Osmer of this city. Mr. Bradley made the opening statement saying frankly that the road as well as the other roads of the state were facing a crisis and that unless aid was given in the way of increased passenger rates it was impossible to tell what would result. Mr. Towley presented the case in a very clear and convincing way, presenting a mass of figures to substantiate his statements and gave every one present something to think about. Mr. Erb interested his hearers in a brief talk, stating that he would be pleased to dispose of his holdings at considerably less than cost, expressed the hope that justice would be done the railroads by raising the new rates, referred to the taxation on railroads as being higher in Michigan than any other state. A general discussion followed, participated in by Chas. E. Rigley, O. L. Sprague, Dr. J. O. Parker, C. E. Rigley, Jr., A. M. Bentley and others. Because of lack of time to complete the discussion, adjournment was taken until next Tuesday. On Wednesday evening Mr. Towley addressed a large gathering in the A. B. hall upon the same question. The result of both meetings, the question of rates and railroad earnings is much better understood and the probability is that the legislature will pass some legislation, either the rate asked or a sliding scale on the basis of passenger earnings per mile.

Geo. E. Pardee Honored.

Owosso was well represented at the meeting of the Michigan Association of Sportsmen held in Lansing this week. The gathering was the best of its kind in the history of the Association, the exhibits of native wild animals and hundreds of mounted specimens attracting great attention, while the discussions and lectures were exceedingly interesting. The name of the Association was changed to Michigan Wild Life Conservation Association, with W. B. Mershon of Saginaw, as president, and George E. Pardee of this city, vice president.

Auxiliary of the Order of Railway Conductors.

Mrs. J. A. Ford of Toledo, Ohio, grand president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Order of Railway Conductors, and Mrs. J. Fording of Detroit, president of the Detroit Auxiliary, organized a local Auxiliary in this city Tuesday at the K. of P. hall. A social session was held in the evening. The officers of the order are:

President—Mrs. Thomas Lowery.
Vice President—Mrs. Fred Crandall.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. J. P. Fitzpatrick.
Senior Sister—Mrs. Harry Van Winkle.
Junior Sister—Mrs. W. B. Smith.
Guard—Mrs. Harry Lampman.
Chairman of Executive Committee—Mrs. Charles Moody.
First Member of Chairman Com.—Mrs. George McLaughlin.
Second member of Executive Com.—Mrs. Carl Reule.
Corresponding Secy.—Mrs. E. Elwell.
Insurance Secretary—Mrs. A. Barnard.
Musician—Mrs. A. Stotenbur.
Delegate to grand convention to be held in St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Thomas Lowery.
Alternate delegate—Mrs. M. C. Smith.
Four Link-Bearers—Mrs. J. Coe, Mrs. Paul Sals, Mrs. A. Beresford and Mrs. George Bradley.

Cold Record for Michigan.

Cold weather records for Michigan were broken on Thursday when the government thermometer at Humboldt, Upper Peninsula, registered 48 degrees below zero. During the day the highest point touched was 23 below zero.

Karl Brandel of Pontiac will spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brandel, Corunna avenue.

ESTEE MANUFACTURING CO.

Regaining Ground Lost as Result of Tornado—Business Steadily Growing—Officers Elected.

The reports presented at the annual meeting of the Estee Manufacturing Co. held Wednesday afternoon at its offices show the Company to have done a steadily increasing business since the erection of the present plant and the re-organization of the Company so that last year shows the best business since 1911. With its plant practically wiped out by the tornado of Nov. 11, 1911, it has been so small task to again build up the business and the success to date is gratifying to the citizens of Owosso as it must be the management of the Company.

As the result of the election the officers and directors were re-elected: President, Chas. E. Rigley; vice president, C. E. Rigley, Jr.; secretary and treasurer, J. G. Rigley. These gentlemen with A. M. Bentley constitute the board of directors.

The bank has been doing a good business and is one of the local institutions which the people of Owosso wish well. It is to be hoped that the trouble will soon be settled.

Another Lennon Bank Suit.

The Commercial Bank of Lennon formerly owned by E. Burt Jenny, of Dowagiac, is the defendant in a \$10,000 suit in chancery filed in the circuit court Tuesday, in behalf of James Crosby, John Conlin and Bernard Kingsbury of Lennon.

The plaintiffs declare they are being held liable for debts of the bank from which they should have been released more than two years ago.

The present owners of the bank, Charles E. Sutton, Jerome B. Moore, Herbert A. Collins, George Lawcock, William Wooley, George W. Haffner and Ernest Dieck are made the defendants.

The plaintiffs ask an injunction to prevent the defendants from disposing of any of their assets, or impairing them, until the case is settled.

Death of Leonard Ritzel.

The funeral of Leonard Ritzel, 71 years old, who died at the University hospital in Ann Arbor, Saturday morning, was held at 1:30 from the house and at 2:30 from the Free Methodist church, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ritzel had been in ill health for several years but death was due to pneumonia. He has resided in this county for 35 years. For several years he lived on a farm in Fairfield township but came to Owosso about 6 years ago. He is survived by a widow and five children: Mrs. Martha Reeser and Mrs. Tillie Ketchum of Owosso; Frank, of Fairfield township, and Leonard and Roy, who reside at home.

Death of Ora Linabury.

Ora Linabury of Corunna, who was recently taken to the state hospital at Pontiac for treatment, died Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Linabury was born in Corunna and had resided there the greater part of his life. He was a member of Co. G Michigan National Guards of this city and served with the Company during the Spanish-American war. Shortly after his return he was married to Miss Addie Wheelock of Corunna, who with her son, Nelson, survive him. He was employed as an electrician in this city for some time and then went to Mexico to do the same work in a mine, returning to Corunna several months ago broken in health and mind, undoubtedly due to exposure and the fact that quite a large sum of money was lost in a Mexican bank at the outbreak of the trouble in that country. Funerals services were held at the Baptist church, Corunna, Thursday afternoon, Rev. E. J. Cross officiating. Mr. Linabury's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Linabury, and his sister Miss Harriet, reside in Owosso.

New Piano Firm.

The Capital Piano Sales Company has opened a store at 302 West Main street, which was formerly occupied by the Hub Shoe Store. The company will sell Kimball Pianos which are well known to many people in the county.

The store has been repainted and decorated and makes a light, neat salesroom. J. Howard Moore, a former resident of Owosso and F. D. Alderton are the managers in charge. Both gentlemen are of pleasing personality and with their thorough knowledge of pianos will be welcomed by music lovers. The store is to be a permanent one and both managers expect to make their homes in the city.

A piano is to be given free to the person who is able to get the words "Kimball Piano" the largest number of times on a sheet of paper three inches square.

Sportsmen's Banquet.

Over two hundred Shiawassee county sportsmen and their friends made the seventh annual banquet at the Odd Fellow temple in this city Friday evening an event long to be remembered, both for the fine dinner served by the Lady Macabees assisted by "Rube" Beebler and for the fine program of music and speeches. Geo. E. Pardee, president of the association, presided in an able manner and made a stirring opening talk.

C. K. Hoyt of the state game department, gave an interesting history of game laws and their benefit and spoke of the new laws proposed, all of which received the hearty approval of the men present.

J. H. McGillivray of Oacoda, deputy state forestry warden gave a humorous address and roused the interest of the audience in the preservation of the forests and of all wild life. William B. Mershon of Saginaw, Michigan's most active and enthusiastic sportsman and organizer and worker, spoke as a lover of the outdoor life and its great benefit to mankind. John W. Talbot of South Bend, Ind., told of the great benefit that would accrue from the raising of Ring neck Pheasants.

The Michigan Sportsman, published by F. L. Johnson of Owosso, was highly commended by all the speakers as one of the best publications in the county.

Stole Coal and Merchandise.

Loyal Wallace, a junk dealer, living on Harrison street, was arrested while stealing coal from a car on the M. C. railroad early Friday morning. Wallace tried to escape, but Officer George Denyes caught him and found in his sleigh not only coal but merchandise from a car. On Saturday Wallace was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

Improvements at the Octagon School.

The Octagon school house in the Maple River district is to undergo some changes and improvements which will make the building much better for school purposes. As the result of a meeting on Saturday last a basement will be excavated and a furnace installed to heat the building, a new floor will be laid in the school room and new up-to-date seats and desks provided to replace those which have been in use about thirty years. With the interior of the building re-decorated the room will be far more attractive, and with the change in the heating system much more sanitary.

Prosecutor's Report.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney J. H. Collins has filed his report for the past six months, showing 107 prosecutions with 86 convictions, 3 acquittals, 8 discharged on payment of costs, 3 cases nolle prossed, five discharged on examination and two cases settled; 9 local option violators were prosecuted, 6 being convicted, 2 discharged, one case nolle prossed; \$250 collected in fines, 16 prosecutions for larceny resulted in 15 convictions; 5 of 6 convicted for pure food violations; 9 were arrested and convicted for game and fish law violations.

Awaiting Asylum Admittance.

Harry Swarthout, a county farm inmate from Owosso, was taken to the asylum at Pontiac, Friday. Mrs. Almina Stetson of Owosso, Hiram Whitman of Perry, James Conley of Hazelton, Orin Wilbur of Corunna, are waiting to be admitted to an asylum.

Vote the School Bonds.

Tuesday afternoon next will decide the question whether a new school building will be authorized by the tax payers of the Union school district to care for the actual needs of the district or whether the school board will be forced to construct the same without the sanction of the tax payers. No one in question the need of the additional room after reading the statements of the board and of Supt. Longman showing that every available room in the four buildings and the portables is in use and that very many pupils have school privileges for a half day only. The vote should be unanimously in favor of the proposition. Tax payers only—men or women—can vote.

His Last Look.

A church in the north of Scotland requiring a pastor had a beadle who took an active interest in all that concerned the church. One of the candidates after the last service for the day was over stepped into the vestry to put off his gown. He thought he would have a look at the church and, meeting the worthy beadle putting things to rights, said:

"I was just taking a look at the church."
"Aye, tak' a guid look at it," said the beadle, "for it's no likely ye'll ever see't again."—Dundee Advertiser.

County Farm Agent.

G. A. Brigham, a well known and prosperous Wexford county farmer, in the Traverse City Record Eagle gives his views as follows as to the merits of the county farm agent and the work of the farm bureau:

To begin with, what is a "County Farm Agent" and his duties in Michigan? The County Farm Agent is a representative both of the Michigan Agricultural College and of the United States Department of Agriculture. He is placed in a county where his services are desired. His entire time and activity are spent there within the boundary of that county. There he is field agent of the agricultural forces of the nation.

Upon the first day of October, 1914, James F. Zimmer commenced work under a two-year contract with the Wexford County Farm Bureau.

First was a potato inspection tour of the county, the object of which was to determine the various potato diseases and as far as possible to eradicate them. The County Agent was assisted in this work by state and government agricultural experts. Reports showed less potato diseases for Wexford county than any other county inspected.

As an outgrowth of this problem two Potato Growers' associations were organized, one at Manton and the other at Buckley.

Then followed the selection of exhibits for the State Potato show held in Kalamazoo on Dec. 3, 4 and 5, in which Wexford county was awarded more prizes than any other county.

The annual meeting of the two newly formed potato associations were held at Buckley Jan. 8, Manton Jan. 9, with the same speakers and all day meetings at each place. Among the outside speakers were Dr. Eben Munford, of Farm Management, East Lansing; C. W. Wald, State Secretary of Potato Growers' Association, and John C. Ketcham, Master of State Grange.

In fruit, arrangements have been made through the bureau for three or more carloads of the best selected trees to be delivered in the spring at cost. Price of apple trees to be from 10 to 12 cents.

A thirty-six page bulletin entitled "Alfalfa in Wexford County" has just been published by the County Agent assisted by the successful alfalfa growers of the county.

Several extensive marl deposits have been located in different parts of the county with marl in sufficient quantities to supply all lime needed for soil conditions at a greatly reduced cost from lime prices.

Visits to individual farms have been made by the County Agent upon request with no charge to the owner. An appreciative interest is shown throughout the entire county in the work.

Is it not reasonable to believe that the developing of what we have at home will prove more remunerative to you than the exploration of uncertain distant lands? And too, would not a community doctor for the ills of your soil be as essential to good results as is an "M. D." for the health of your family.

The future wealth of northern Michigan must come from the soil, thus making soil production of vital importance to every citizen regardless of profession or occupation, thus the necessity of your support.

I truly believe that the County Farm Agent yields a better per cent return for the money expended than any other agricultural investment by state or nation.

Woman's Congress.

The program of the Woman's Congress to be held in this city Feb. 11-12 at the Congregational church in connection with the State Farmers' institute is as follows:

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 11.
Opening Song—Assembly.
Rural Life—Mrs. W. J. Brookins.
"Needs of Country Children"—Mrs. Frank Greenman.

Discussion—Mrs. E. W. Bilhimer.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. Bennett.
"The Hen, Our Mutual Friend"—Mrs. C. B. Cook.

Question Box.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON FEB. 12.
Music.
Paper, "Unemployment"—Mrs. C. T. Cook.

"Home Problems From a New Standpoint"—Miss Jennie Bell, state speaker.
Discussion—Mrs. W. M. Kilpatrick.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. G. York.
Reading—Mrs. Floyd Calkins.
Election of officers.

Mrs. A. D. Whipple is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gilchrist in Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Elsie Whipple will leave Saturday to be present at the marriage of her cousin, Miss Florence Gilchrist on Wednesday. She is to be maid of honor.

Why a New School Building?

The board of education has issued the following set of questions and answers in regard to the school situation in Owosso:

Ques.—Are the public schools really overcrowded?

Ans.—They are. Four portable buildings are required; one room is housed in a basement; four first grades and all kindergartens are on "half-day sessions."

Ques.—Has all available room been used?

Ans.—It has. Every reasonable expedient has been resorted to.

Ques.—What has been done to call the attention of the patrons to the situation?

Ans.—An aggregate of probably a hundred columns of newspaper matter appertaining to the proposition has appeared in the local papers during the past two years.

Ques.—If the published statements of the board of education and the superintendent are not sufficient proof to convince the voter, how may he satisfy himself?

Ans.—By visiting any or all of the public schools and verifying the statements.

Ques.—How many more rooms are needed?

Ans.—Eight.

Ques.—How would they be used?

Ans.—They would relieve the four portables, provide for placing the first-grade rooms on "full-day" sessions, and care for children now housed in basements.

Ques.—Has the board considered enlarging the present buildings?

Ans.—It has. Architect's plans have been drawn and estimates made but after a thorough consideration the plan was abandoned.

Ques.—How much would the bonds increase the "budget" during the next six years?

Ans.—By about \$1,000 annually for bond redemption and from \$1,500 to \$1,200 for interest.

Ques.—How much would this increase a man's tax who owned a \$1,000 home?

Ans.—About twenty-eight cents per annum.

Ques.—If the bond issue fails to carry and the board of education is forced to raise the whole amount by direct tax in one year, how much would it increase school taxes on each \$1,000?

Ans.—About \$3.45.

Ques.—How may one obtain further information?

Ans.—By seeing, writing or phoning any one of the following: Fred Welch, W. R. Goodrich, W. E. Hall, B. S. Sutherland, W. D. Whitehead, P. S. Willson, M. W. Longman.

Dr. Leonard Makes Eloquent Address at First M. E. Church.

Dr. A. B. Leonard preached a forceful sermon Wednesday evening at the special evangelistic services at the First M. E. church. It was "Women's night." The ladies of the church had given a hearty invitation to their friends to be present and a committee of ladies was in the vestibule to greet all comers. Another committee took the place of the regular ushers and a ladies' quartette sang most effectively, "Though Your Sins be as Scarlet."

Dr. Leonard addressed a warning to parents against the indifference about the religious life of their children. "We are living in a perilous time," said the speaker, "a time that is creating peculiar problems for the church. We hear a great deal about curing for the weak and our interest in that class should not be less, but the time calls for consecration to conserve the strong and the only effectual way is for parents to lead in the movement."

At the close of the sermon four women accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior.

Capt. Joseph Payne of the Salvation Army delivered an eloquent sermon Thursday evening at the services which were in charge of the Galilean class. About twenty people accepted Jesus Christ when the invitation was extended.

Bowling Leagues.

The first half of the year's bowling of the Owosso and Federal Bowling leagues was finished last week, team No. 5 captained by Wm. E. Honey winning in the Owosso, and team No. 2 in the Federal league. The second half opened this week with enthusiasm and some interesting contests will be waged in the next three months.

West Side Indoor Ball Team Win.

The West Side indoor baseball team gives evidence of their intention to round into form and again be in a position to claim the championship of the state at least. Saturday evening they defeated the Reo team at Lansing, 12 to 8, at Lansing. Monday evening the Grand Rapids team lost to Owosso, at the Odd Fellow temple, by a score of 8 to 15.

Farmers' Institute.

A farmers' institute will be held on Wednesday, February 3, beginning at 11 o'clock, at the Maple River church, under the direction of the Michigan Agricultural college. The following program will be carried out:

Music.
"Potatoes as a money crop," A. M. Berridge of Greenville. Discussion by John Carruthers of Newburg, William Morrice of Morrice and A. B. Cook of Maple River.

Dinner will be served at 12 o'clock and the afternoon program will start with music at 1 o'clock. From 1 to 1:30 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Maple River Welfare association.

At 1:30 the balance of the program, as follows, will be carried out: "Growing and marketing the apple crop"—George Winegar. Discussion by Clinton Middleton and William Gladden.

Music.
"Market farm products through the dairy cow."—A. M. Berridge. Discussion by Henry Moore, Floyd Reynolds and B. W. Mattoon of Durand.

The dinner will be served by the Maple River Welfare association.

Automobile Club to Be Organized.

Several months ago, Road Commissioner L. G. Cudney of Caledonia township, asked the Owosso Improvement association for assistance in the completing of a state reward road extending east from Owosso and along the north city line of Corunna. The state does not pay a reward for roads in or adjoining city corporations. The sum asked by Mr. Cudney was \$100 and it was decided to pay this sum from the treasury of the association. Later it was suggested that an automobile club be organized with a membership fee of \$1.25, the extra quarter to defray the expense of procuring an emblem of some sort. The committee decided on a specially designed button which was ordered and may now be procured of any member of the committee. The committee is composed of Leigh Christian, L. C. Hall and Fred Welch. The purchase of a button entitles one to membership.

The money realized is to be used, first to pay back to the treasurer of the association, the \$100, advanced for the road above mentioned, then the cost of the buttons, the remainder of the money to be used for good roads purposes and for any other matters that would be of interest to motorists.

Within a couple of weeks a meeting will be called to perfect an organization of automobilists of the county.

Immigration Bill Vetoed.

Washington, D. C., January 28.—President Wilson Thursday vetoed the immigration bill and sent with his veto a message explaining his action. Closure of the "open door" and use of the literacy test and other tests were given as the reason for his veto, by the president.

"In two particulars of vital consequence, the bill embodies radical departures from traditional policies of this country," the president said. "It seeks to all but close entirely the gates of the asylums always open to those who can find nowhere else the right and opportunity of constitutional agitation for what they conceive to be the natural rights of men, and excludes those to whom the opportunity of elementary education has been denied, without regard to character, purpose or natural capacity. It is difficult for me to believe that the full effect of this bill was realized when it was adopted and it is impossible for me to assent to it in this form."

Applause on both sides of the house greeted the reading of the president's message. Chairman Burnett of the house immediately said that he would move Thursday or Friday of next week to reconsider the vote on the bill. Rep. Sabbath of Illinois, leader of the opposition pressed for immediate action. After a long wrangle, next Thursday was practically agreed upon.

The European War in Bible Prophecy.

Undreamed of passions have burst forth, devouring the lands that patient hands have beautified and made fertile, and centuries have stocked with art treasures. To the entire world the war has come as a complete surprise because they have not read our book (600 pages—cloth) telling that just such conditions would exist, only to be followed by still greater devastation of anarchy. The first edition came from the press in 1897.

Of vaster interest and importance is its promise of better things in store for this earth, when the wrath of nations has run its course. Send thirty-four cents in stamps (with this coupon) to cover postage, to The Temple, No. 96 W. 63rd St., New York City, and receive a copy promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Stinson have moved to 530 Adams street.